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## BULGARIAN RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION AND RIVER SHIPPING SUCCESSES

TRANSPORTATION MINISTER SPEAKS ON RAILROAD DAY -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo,  
3 Aug 52

In his speech on 3 August 1952, Dancho Dimitrov, Minister of Transportation, stated that Bulgarian railroads will transport three times as much freight during 1952 as during 1939. The railroad transportation plan for 1952 is 9.6 percent greater than the 1951 plan. During the first half of 1952 the Bulgarian railroads have fulfilled the transportation plan 99.7 percent. During the first half of 1952, 9.9 percent more freight was transported than during the first half of 1951, and an average of 6.4 percent more freight cars was loaded. The turnaround time of freight cars during the first of 1952 was 86.9 hours as compared to 192 in 1941 and 118 in 1949.

The commercial speed [average speed including stops] of freight trains was 15.99 kilometers [per hour] during the first half of 1952, as compared with 12.8 during all of 1949, and 15.6 during all of 1951. The average 24-hour run of train-pulling locomotives was 236 kilometers during the first half of 1952, as compared with 127 in 1949, and 225 in 1951. This year, 176 locomotive engineers have been given the title: 500-kilometer engineer. There are as many as 180 "outstanding" locomotives travel on Bulgarian lines this year.

During the first half of 1952, 7,284 freight trains with 1,910,215 tons of freight have been dispatched above the norm, while during all of 1951, 10,713 freight trains with 2,112,612 tons of freight were dispatched above the norm. The average gross tonnage of freight trains has increased from 612 tons during 1950, and 646 during 1951, to 688 during the first half of 1952. Sofia locomotive engineers have transported 644,267 tons of freight above the norm during the first half of 1952, and Plovdiv locomotive engineers have transported 565,505 tons above the norm.

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With the help of Soviet specialist Glebov, the Kognitsa, Vasil Kolarov, and Zli dol railroad tunnels are being completed. A railroad bridge has been completed over the Topolnitsa River.

Over 11,810 railroad workers and their children go on vacation each year and over 1,000 railroad workers have received the Naroden orden na truda (People's Order of Labor) thus far?.

RIVER TRANSPORT ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 6 Aug 52

During 1951, the Bulgarian River Shipping Company (Bulgarsko Rečno Flotila) transported ten times more freight with its Danube ships than during 1939. The company fulfilled its 1951 plan in ton-kilometers on 15 November 1951. The production plan for the first half of 1952, which is 25 percent greater than the plan for the first half of 1951, was overfulfilled.

For the third year, the crew of the motor ship Ruse has been emulating Soviet seaman Burlakov in doing all the repairs on the ship; as a consequence, the ship was not taken to a shipyard for repairs but was in operation every day in 1951. During April 1952, the Ruse arrived in Bratislava 8 days prior to the deadline. This will make it possible for the Ruse to make an additional trip. Thirteen other ships and 12 tugs of the River Shipping Company have adopted Burlakov's system for repairs. The Lom, and Svishtov, and the Vidin operate on a 24-hour basis, and thus have increased their work output 27 percent. The motor ship Svishtov has reduced its sailing time between Ruse and Bratislava by 7 days by applying the Levchenko and Mukhanov system of economizing.

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